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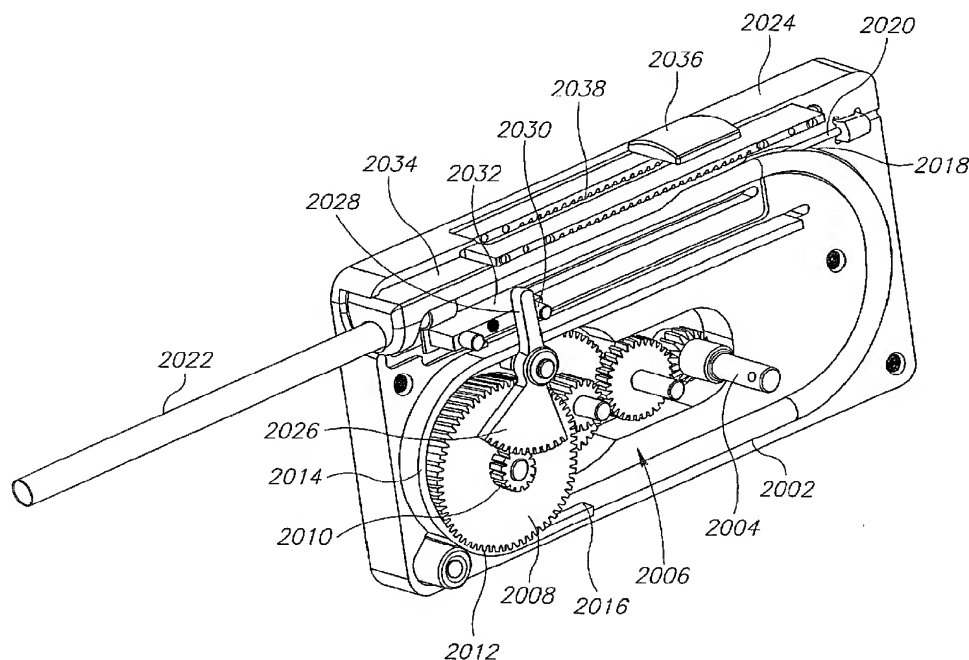
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(57) Abstract: A medical grade deformer (100 having a distal end (114) and a proximal end (116) and adapted to be deformed from a first, narrower diameter to a second, greater diameter, is disclosed. When fully deformed, deformer (100) substantially fills a volume of space with leaves (112) projecting outwardly as part of the tube body (102).

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